

Cumberland Modernization Begins This Spring



This modern roundabout is coming to Cumberland Avenue.

An ambitious one-year, first-phase schedule begins this spring to transform Cumberland Avenue from Sagamore West to Yeager Road to a safer, greener, improved roadway, reports City Engineer David Buck.

The \$2.8 million project includes new pavement, sidewalks and trails and the city's first modern roundabout at Kent and Cumberland.

Priorities: Safety, Environment

"The modern roundabout is going to deliver key benefits, from safer traffic flow to reduced vehicle idling and pollution," Buck says.

Plan Debuts Feb. 18

Recent planning meetings drew widespread input, giving the city direction for our future. With the help of a steering committee and planning firm Arnett Muldrow & Associates, an updated plan is being finalized. It will be unveiled at a public meeting at the West Lafayette Library, 6 p.m., Thursday, February 18. Residents are encouraged to attend.

Concrete and asphalt will be recycled. Multi-modal and multi-user features will accommodate pedestrians, bicycles, buses and autos. Other green elements are rain gardens and constructed wetlands.

Fairfield Contractors is doing the roadwork; Roudebush Grading, the landscaping.

Some Road Closings

Meeting the schedule will mean some road closings. Cumberland from Sagamore West to Salem Courthouse Apartments will close from March to June, with detours via Yeager and Sagamore West or Yeager and Win Hentschel Drive.

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The strategic plan spotlights infrastructure and facilities.



Photo by Bob Bauman

Residents seek continued trail, park development.



Neighborhood vitality is key in the long-term strategic plan. Pictured: November Beautification Award winners Pam Schendel (left) and her mother and neighbor, Mary Lou Schendel.



New Year, New Projects

by Mayor John Dennis

West Lafayette residents are an ambitious, forward-thinking bunch, and that keeps our city vibrant and relevant.

This year, we're breaking new ground with the first modern roundabout, at Cumberland and Kent Avenue. Safety, environmental care and aesthetics are coming together in a significant improvement.

Our Parks Department is at work on the new Village Fitness Trail, which will include a track segment at West Lafayette High School, fencing, lighting, perennials, new trees and signing.

Art and gardening projects are in the works for spring and summer. When our new strategic plan is finalized this month, we'll have even more goals to meet and activities to plan.

All the while, we carefully monitor spending, review service fees and strive to deliver top city services on the leanest budget possible.

Yes, this is a challenge. With our capable staff, focused leadership and residents' willingness to help, West Lafayette is in good stead to thrive in 2010.



At Your Service

City Council. Jon Hoggatt now represents the city's 1st District on the West Lafayette City Council. He can be reached at jonathan_hoggatt@yahoo.com.

Board of Works. Jon Speaker and Beth Stull joined the West Lafayette Board of Works, increasing the board to five.

Engineering. Engineering Assistant Elizabeth Cook and Assistant City Engineer Michael Thompson have each earned Professional Engineer licenses. Cook also received the 2009 Young Engineer of the Year Award from the Indiana Society of Professional Engineers.

Leroux Graduates. West Lafayette Police Captain Chris Leroux graduated from the 22-credit-hour, 10-week School of Police Staff and Command at Northwestern University.



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Of Note

Building Permits. Recent single-family building permits: 8 in October, \$1,313,550; 5 in November, \$788,000; and 9 in December, \$1,713,000, for a 2009 total of 72 new homes, \$13,640,207. Commercial: October, \$1.38 million, Happy Hollow School improvement; November, \$1.3 million, Purdue Crew Boat House. Total new commercial in 2009: 3 projects, \$3 million. Multifamily: December, \$1.2 million, 23-unit apartment project at 440 Chauncey Ave.

Recycling Up, Trash Down. Recycling in 2009 was up more than 10 percent—4,854 tons, up from 4,396 tons in 2008. Trash pickup dropped by 9.6 percent, from 4,233 tons to 3,825 tons.

Tackling Graffiti. The Graffiti Eradication Initiative begun in 2008 has led to removal of 325 tags, thanks to volunteer Mike Koning and West Lafayette Police Lieutenant and program manager David VanVector. Report graffiti to the police at 775-5200.

Recycle Cooking Oil. Free containers are available at City Hall or the Recycling Center, 705 S. River Road. Drop them off filled at the center.



West Lafayette's state championship football team got a traditional fire-truck ride.

Beautification Award Winners

Hats off to Beautification Award winners:

October: Jeff and Laura Shiver, 275 St. Joseph Court, where plantings and feeders attract hummingbirds.

November: Mother-daughter team and neighbors Mary Lou Schendel and Pam Schendel, 1327 and 1407 N. Grant St., where grasses, hydrangeas and hostas thrive.

December: Tippecanoe County Master Gardener Association for its Cumberland Park gardens and wire sculptures.

To nominate someone, contact Beverly Shaw, 775-5161, bshaw@westlafayette.in.gov.



Tippecanoe County Master Gardener Association members, Cumberland Park demonstration garden.



News Bits

Stormwater. The Stormwater Advisory Panel continues to meet and expects to recommend that the City Council adopt a monthly fee based on each land parcel's impervious surface area. Fees would help the city meet permit requirements, comply with the Clean Water Act and hopefully generate funds for stormwater capital projects. Fees likely will be assessed to all landowners, including nonprofits and schools.

Farmers Market. Vendor applications for Sagamore West Farmers Market, which marks its sixth season this spring, are available at www.westlafayette.in.gov or at the Parks Department in City Hall. Last year the market hosted a record 51 vendors from early May through October in Cumberland Park.

Census: You Count. Watch for your U.S. Census mailing in March and respond early. For most, it's just 10 questions and does not ask for Social Security numbers or citizen status. It tallies residents, including Purdue students. A true count is important because it determines U.S. House of Representatives seats, many funding allocations (about \$4,000 per person), and decisions on public health, neighborhood improvements, transportation, education and more.

Parks and Recreation Department Featured. West Lafayette Parks and Recreation was featured in the Fall 2009 issue of the Indiana Park and Recreation Association magazine, *The Profile*; and Superintendent Joe Payne was covered in the Featured Pros section. The department also hosted the Indiana Park and Recreation Association's annual state conference in January.

School News. For the third time, West Lafayette High earned U.S. News and World Report's silver medal in its America's Best High School 2010 rankings. Klondike Middle School won the Indiana Academic Spell Bowl state championship for the second consecutive year. Also, Harrison, Klondike Elementary and West Lafayette High are partnering on Hoops for Hope to raise money for Purdue researchers studying Niemann-Pick disease. To support them, make donations at the high schools. Recently rated Indiana Four Star Schools: Burnett Creek, Happy Hollow, Klondike Middle and West Lafayette Jr./Sr. High.

West Lafayette's Green Scene

New Trees, Native Plants. West Lafayette Tree Fund planted 141 trees in 2009. This spring, trees will go in on Dehart, Robinson and Sycamore, and replacements will go in throughout the city. Operation Releaf moves to New Chauncey. The Indiana Department of Transportation and Indiana Native Plant & Wildflower Society installed native plants last fall on the north side of Sagamore West by State Road 443.

Garden Plots. Garden space is available close to home: 25 plots, 15-feet by 20-feet, will be available at the north end of Cumberland Park off Kalberer Road this year. For information and other sites, contact Tippecanoe County Extension Office, 474-0793.

Plant Yellow Flowers. West Lafayette in Bloom asks you to paint the town yellow this season. Suggested annuals: marigold, sunflower and zinnia; perennials: coreopsis, daylily, black-eyed Susan.



For Your Calendar

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City Offices Closed

Monday, February 15
Friday, April 2

Sagamore West Farmers Market

Opens May 5, 3 to 6:30 p.m.
Cumberland Park

Strategic Plan Presentation

Thursday, February 18 • 6 p.m.,
West Lafayette Library

Riverside Skating Center

Through first week of March
Hours: www.westlafayette.in.gov,
743-RINK

Morton Dance Recital

Saturday, May 1
Loeb Theatre, Purdue

Art in Bloom

Saturday, June 26
New Chauncey Neighborhood

PURDUE

Convocations

Sunday, February 28
Martha Graham Dance Co.

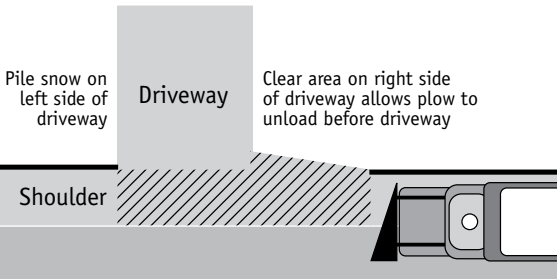
Sunday, March 28
Chaconne Klaverenga

Theatre

Scapino!
April 16 to 24

Stewart Center Gallery

Sixty Square Inches
March 8 to April 25



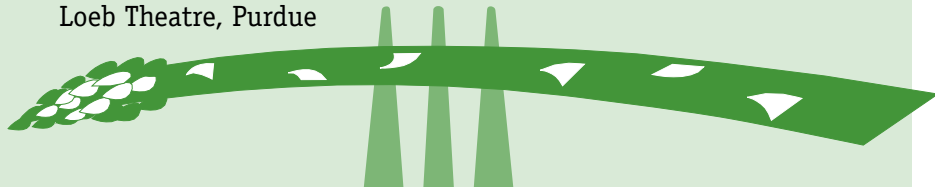
Snow Shoveling Tips

When it snows, please:

- Move parked cars off streets to make room for plows
- Clear snow from around your mailbox
- Shovel driveway snow onto the left side of your lawn as you face your driveway (see diagram).

City ordinance requires residents to clear sidewalks within six hours after daylight or after snow stops falling. If you will be away, please arrange for someone to do this for you.

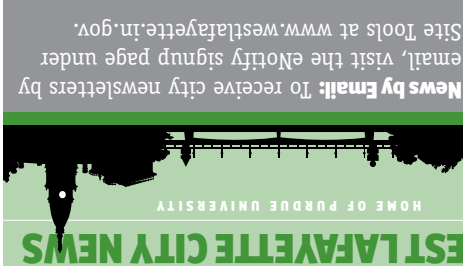
When it snows, street crews first plow main streets, then side streets, and then dead-ends and cul-de-sacs.



Strategic Plan presentation 6 p.m., Thursday, February 18, West Lafayette Library



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